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FRENCH EMBASSY HAS ALSO RAISED WITH FONOFF DESIRA-
BILITY WESTERN REPLY TO ZAKHAROV'S OCTOBER 14 NOTE ON
DISPLAY GDR FLAG IN WEST BERLIN. FONOFF AGREES THAT
IN VIEW OF EAST GERMAN PRESS TREATMENT OF MATTER
AND POSSIBILITY GDR MAY REPEAT ACTION ON NOVEMBER 7
ANNIVERSARY, NOTE SHOULD BE SENT TO ZAKHAROV. FONOFF
HAS SO INFORMED FRENCH AND INSTRUCTED UK MISSION
BERLIN ACCORDINGLY.

FONOFF (WESTERN DEPT) ASSESSMENT OF GDR INTENTIONS
WITH RESPECT NOVEMBER 7 AND PROBABLE ATTITUDE OF SOVIET
UNION APPEAR SIMILAR TO THAT SET FORTH IN BERLIN
TEL TO DEPT 413. FURTHERMORE, FONOFF HAS NOW INSTRUCTED
UK MISSION BERLIN TO APPROVE REMOVAL OF FLAGS BY WEST
BERLIN POLICE WITHOUT RESTRICTION AS TO NUMBER OR
LOCATION. SO FAR AS PARTICIPAION WESTERN GARRISONS
CONCERNED, FONOFF (WESTERN DEPT) NOW APPEARS TO AGREE
THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME TO ASSISTANCE OF WEST BERLIN
POLICE IF LATTER OVERWHELMED. IN ADDITION TO PLACING
WESTERN TROOPS IN POSITION TO DEAL IF NECESSARY WITH
DISTRUBANCES, FONOFF BELIEVES IT WOULD ALSO BE GOOD IDEA
TO TIGHTEN CONTROLS BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER 6 WITH VIEW

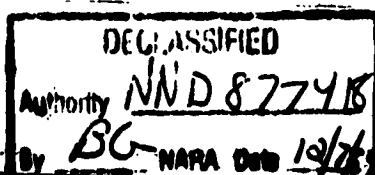
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TO STOPPING GOON SQUADS FROM ENTERING WEST BERLIN.
FONOFF OBVIOUSLY HOPES, HOWEVER, THAT NOTE TO ZAKHAROV
WILL INDUCE SOVIETS KEEP WRAPS ON GDR.

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